

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE

HONORABLE LEE F. JANTZEN  
DIVISION 4  
DATE: AUGUST 31, 2023

**FILED**  
TIME 4:57p M  
AUG 31 2023  
CHRISTINA SPURLOCK  
CLERK SUPERIOR COURT  
BY: [Signature] DEPUTY  
\*DL

---

COURT ORDER/NOTICE/RULING

---

JEANNE KENTCH, et al., et ux.,  
Plaintiffs,

vs.

CV-2022-01468

KRIS MAYES, et al., et ux.,  
Defendants.

This matter comes before the Court to request to rule on outstanding motions. The Court has previously denied Plaintiffs' Petition to Contest the Elections after a trial and the Court has denied Plaintiffs' Motion for New Trial.

The remaining motions include Plaintiffs' Motion for an Order Reflecting Additional Rulings of the Court, filed December 28, 2022. This was not addressed because of the pending Motion for New Trial. The Court has considered the motion and the responses.

**IT IS ORDERED** denying the Contestant's Motion for an Order Reflecting Additional Rulings of the Court.

If this has not already been done in writing, based on the evidence presented at the trial that the Plaintiff failed to provide proof mistakes made were sufficient to change the outcome of the trial;

**IT IS ORDERED** denying Plaintiffs' Petition to Change the Results of the Election and denying any request to count any additional votes.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** denying Plaintiffs' Motion for a New Trial for the reasons listed in the Court's minute entry dated July 14, 2023.

Other pending motions include Defendant Kris Mayes' Motion for Attorneys' Fees, filed January 3, 2023 and supplemented January 17, 2023, which was joined by Defendant/Arizona Secretary of State Kris Mayes. The Court has read the motions and the responsive pleadings and considered the applicable statutes, case law and rules.

**IT IS ORDERED** denying both Defendants' Motion for Attorneys' Fees under A.R.S. § 12-349.

This case was not brought frivolously by the Plaintiffs. The Court has noted from the outset that this case has not been brought on partisan lines asserting malicious and outrageous behavior by the Defendants in which they have accused parties of outlandish conspiracies or other criminal offenses. This case, in the Court's view, after hearing the arguments and evidence, was brought by Plaintiffs based on their belief that this extremely close election could have been overturned if certain procedures had been different.

The Court acknowledges at the trial the Plaintiffs did not present large amount of evidence. They did get to inspect thousands of ballots, but the limited discovery in an emergency contested election procedure did not result in discovering the number of mistakes they believed it might. That led to a short presentation by Plaintiffs and even an acknowledgment during the trial that they did not have the evidence to prevail.

However, the Court does not believe sanctions are appropriate. Just because Plaintiffs did not prevail, this does not mean this action is the type of groundless lawsuit based on false speculation that would require sanctions under A.R.S. § 12-349.

The final set of pending motions are Navajo County's Motion to Compensate Ballot Inspectors filed January 4, 2023, Mohave County Defendants' Joinder in Navajo County Defendants' Motion to Compensate Ballot Inspectors filed January 9, 2023 and April 17, 2023, and Defendant Kris Mayes' Joinder in Motion to Compensate Ballot Inspectors, filed January 11, 2023.

Having received and considered the Motion to Compensate Ballot Inspectors filed by the Navajo County Defendants, as well as the Joinder filed by Defendant Kris Mayes, and any response filed by Plaintiffs thereto, and good cause appearing,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the each of the Motions to Compensate Ballot Inspectors is GRANTED.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, under A.R.S. § 16-677(C), Plaintiffs shall compensate Defendant Kris Mayes in the amount of \$2,892.50 for her ballot inspector.

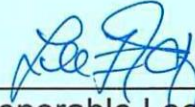
Navajo County and Mohave County are directed to provide orders with specific amounts for the Plaintiffs to reimburse based on reasonable fees for the ballot inspectors' normal jobs and any mileage accrued to the court within 30 days.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, under A.R.S. § 12-341, Ms. Mayes is entitled to \$1,065.46 in taxable costs as the successful party.

There is nothing else pending in these matters and this Judgment is entered under Rule 54(c).

*August 31, 2023*

Date



Honorable Lee F. Jantzen  
Division 4

cc:

Timothy A La Sota  
TIMOTHY A LA SOTA PLC  
and  
Alexander Kolodin  
Veronica Lucero  
Arno Naeckel  
James C Sabalos  
DAVILLIER LAW GROUP LLC  
and  
David A Warrington  
Gary Lawkowski  
DHILLON LAW GROUP INC  
and  
Jennifer J Wright  
JENNIFER WRIGHT ESQ PLC  
and  
Sigal Chattah  
CHATTAH LAW GROUP  
Attorneys for Plaintiff Abraham Hamadeh

Paul F Eckstein  
Alexis E Danneman  
Matthew R Koerner  
Margo R Casselman  
Samantha J Burke  
PERKINS COIE LLP  
Attorneys for Defendant Mayes

Craig Alan Morgan  
Shayna Stuart  
Jake T Rapp  
LAW OFFICES OF SHERMAN & HOWARD LLC  
Attorneys for Defendant Secretary of State

Thomas P Liddy  
Joseph J Branco  
Joseph E LaRue  
Karen J Hartman-Tellez  
Jack L O'Connor III  
Sean Moore  
Rosa Aguilar  
MARICOPA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
and  
Emily Craiger  
THE BURGESS LAW GROUP  
Attorneys for Maricopa County Defendants

Celest Robertson  
Joseph Young  
APACHE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
Attorneys for Apache County Defendants

Christine J Roberts  
Paul Correa  
COCHISE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
Attorneys for Cochise County Defendants

Bill Ring  
COCONINO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
Attorney for Coconino County Defendants

Jeff Dalton  
GILA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
Attorney for Gila County Defendants

Jean A Roof  
GRAHAM COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
Attorney for Graham County Defendants

Scott Adams  
GREENLEE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
Attorney for Greenlee County Defendants

Ryan N Dooley  
LA PAZ COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
Attorney for La Paz County Defendants

Ryan Esplin  
MOHAVE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
Attorney for Mohave County Defendants

Jason S Moore  
NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
Attorney for Navajo County Defendants

Daniel Jurkowitz  
Ellen Brown  
Javier Gherna  
PIMA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
Attorneys for Pima County Defendants

Craig Cameron  
Scott Johnson  
Allen Quist  
Jim Mitchell  
PINAL COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
Attorneys for Pinal County Defendants

Kimberly J Hunley  
Robert F May  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
Attorneys for Santa Cruz County Defendants

Thomas Stoxen  
Michael J Gordon  
YAVAPAI COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
Attorneys for Yavapai County Defendants

Bill Kerekes  
YUMA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
Attorney for Yuma County Defendants

Honorable Lee F Jantzen  
Division 4